

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as amended is respectfully requested.

In response to the requirement for restriction, Applicants hereby elect the invention of Group I, Claims 1-4 and 6-26 drawn to a semiconductor device, for prosecution on the merits. Applicants reserve the right to file one or more divisional applications for the non-elected invention(s).

It is understood, of course, that the withdrawn Claims 5 and 27-32 are subject to rejoinder upon the allowance of one of Claims 1-4 and 6-26 and upon Claims 5 and 27-32 being rewritten or amended to depend from or to include all limitations of an allowed one of Claims 1-4 and 6-26.

By this Amendment, Claims 1-6, 11, 15, 26, 27 and 29 have been amended to reflect amendments made under Article 34 in the International Application. Claims 7-10, 12-14, 17-20, 22, 24 and 25 have been amended for punctuation and readability, and Claims 25, 28 and 29 have also been amended for clarity.

An action on the merits is respectfully solicited.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge to Deposit Account No. 50-1165 (XA-10255) any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 that may be required by this paper and to credit any overpayment to that Account. If any extension of time is required in connection with the filing of this paper and has not been separately requested, such extension is hereby requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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